

WI-203
Green-Burton House
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1880

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: GREEN-BURTON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-203

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-203

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GREEN-BURTON HOUSE

and/or common THOMPSON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 2705 Church Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wendy L. Thompson

street & number 2705 Church Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1364 Map65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 701 P. 28

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thompson house, historically identified as the Green-Burton house, stands at 2705 Church Street in the center of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, ell-shaped frame dwelling faces west with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the two-story, ell-shaped frame dwelling is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and the exterior is distinguished by plain weatherboard siding with plain pilasters trimming the corners of the structure. The medium sloped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Joining the house on the village lot is a single-story gable-roofed garage.

The Church Street elevation of the house is an uneven wall with the leg of the ell plan facing front. This gable-front principal facade contains a side entrance filled with a heavily molded four-panel door flanked by narrow three-light sidelights. An adjacent six-over-six sash window is flanked by early twentieth century board shutters. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows which are hung with board shutters as well. Fixed in the upper gable are small two-over-two sash windows that illuminate the attic. Rising between the pairs of windows is an interior end brick chimney featuring dentiled caps. The recessed portion of the west wall is defined by a secondary entrance and flanking six-over-six sash window, and the second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows as well.

The north gable end is a blind weatherboard wall with an interior end brick stack piercing the roofline. Extended eaves are finished with short returns at the base of the roof. The south wall, on the other hand, is two-bays deep with six-over-six sash windows on each floor.

The rear wall of the main block is covered on the first floor by shed roofed section that contains the kitchen. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and small two-over-two sash windows light the upper gable.

The interior was not seen.

A single-story garage covered by a medium sloped gable-front roof stands in the back yard. The rectangular frame structure is pierced by a single garage door and a side entrance on its west wall.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its unusual architectural character, this house deserves listing in Category B, which identifies properties that should be preserved since it contains a structure that exhibits good architectural details and represents a good example of architectural design and thereby supports the character of the district.

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2705 Church Street
Whitehaven, Maryland
Chain of title

1364/701 John Robert Shores
 Edna Shores Mandish

to

11/12/1993 Wendy L. Thompson

MSB 1261/639 Fletcher E. Shores
 Edna Shores Mandish

to

8/14/1951 Fletcher E. Shores
 Edna Shoers Mandish
 John Robert Shores

AJS 1944/556 Fletcher E. Shores

to

8/28/1985 Fletcher E. Shores
 Edna Shores Mandish

286/78 Herman R. Kenney, et al.

to

3/20/1946 George Edward Shores
 Fletcher E. Shores

JWS 234/451 Edward S. Kenney

to

7/20/1941 Herman R. Kenney
 B. Palmer Kenney

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GREEN-BURTON HOUSE
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Chain of title continued

IDT 184/187 Charles W. Raynor, widower

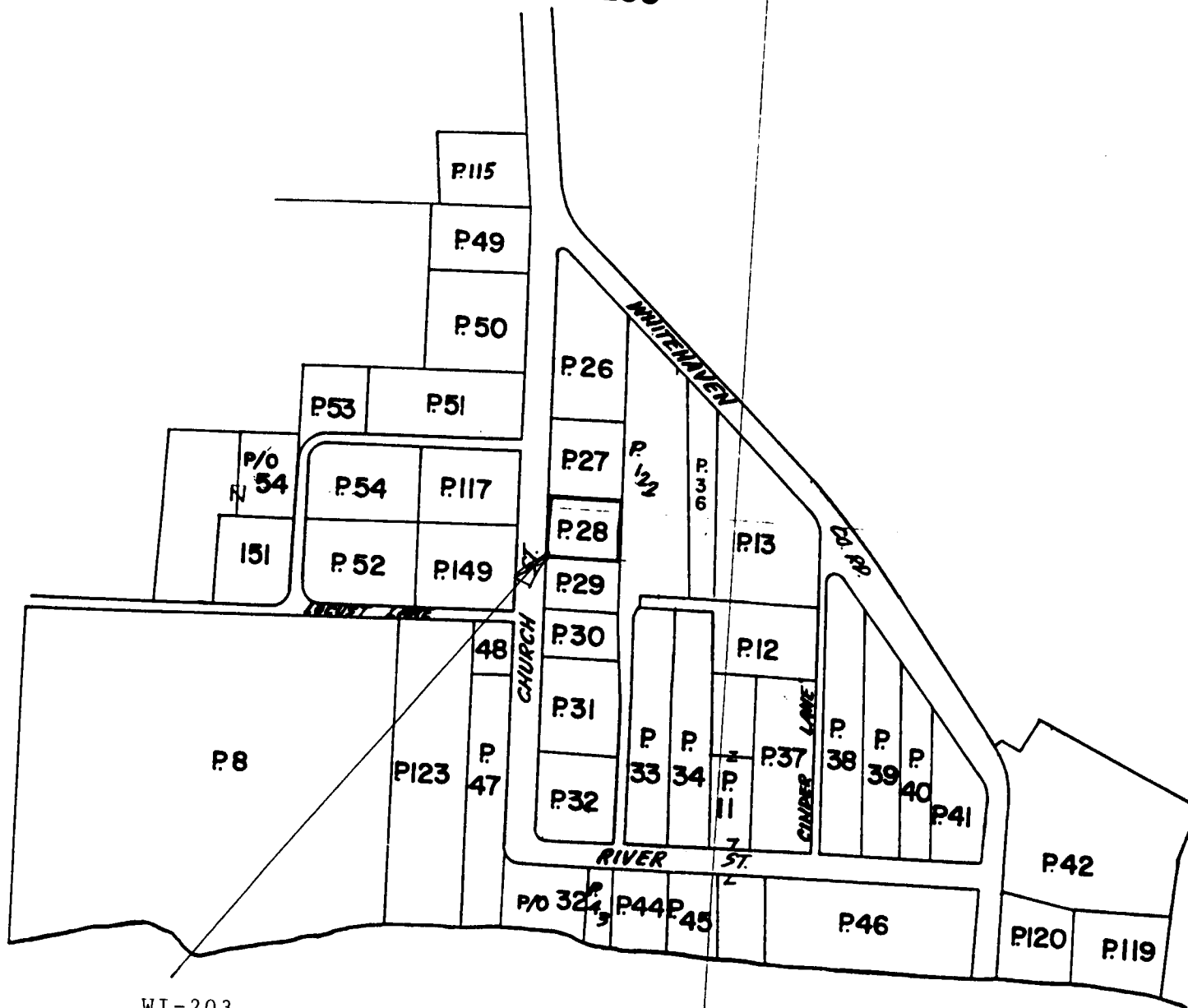
4/30/1934 Edward S. Kenney
3/4 acre

5/9/1908	Charles W. Raynor
	\$1400.00

2/6/1886 George W. Burton
\$450.00 all that lot of ground and improve-
 ments

 3/4 acre

WHITEHAVEN SCALE 1"=200'



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GREEN-BURTON HOUSE
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Wicomico County Tax Map 65
Parcel 28



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 GREEN-BURTON HOUSE
 2705 Church Street
 Whitehaven, Maryland
 Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
 1942



